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TranslationMANIFESTO OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF VENEZUELA  
TO THE WORKING CLASS AND TO THE PEOPLE

Today, May 1st, the Working Class commemorates its day of struggle. On this date throughout the world millions of workers are parading united through the streets, shouting their mottoes of struggle, reasserting their faith and their determination to break the yoke of imperialist exploitation and to build up the socialist society, where there will exist neither exploited nor exploiters.

The Working Class of the world is today commemorating its day under conditions difficult for humanity. At a time when the black, enslaving forces represented in North American imperialism are grouping around them the reactionary forces of the world and investing billions of dollars on war preparations in order to start the third world war against the forces that love peace and progress. Against the Soviet Union, People's China, the countries of popular democracy and in addition against the peoples of Europe, Asia, and America who in their countries are fighting to free themselves from the imperialist oppression. At a time when hundreds of millions of beings throughout the world, grouped under the mottoes of PEACE AND LIBERTY, are rising up and facing the plans of world domination of the Anglo-Yankee imperialism and are destroying its dreams with serious and decisive defeats.

In Venezuela the 1st of May is being commemorated under an atmosphere of tremendous repression. The military dictatorship, serving as an instrument of imperialism, has liquidated public liberties and repressed the democratic and union movement. Hundreds of citizens, including Jesus FARIA, Gustavo and Eduardo MACHADO and others, are imprisoned, others are expelled, and others persecuted; the most strict press censorship is being maintained; constantly the homes of honest citizens are broken into by the hounds of the dictatorship; the workers are positively denied the right to organize; the petitions of the oil workers have just been trampled on and through a cynical decree the conditions of work imposed by the imperialists have been dictated to them; the ghost of hunger and misery provoked by unemployment and the high cost of living is extending every day to thousands of homes. Finally, the military dictatorship at the Foreign Ministers' Conference held recently in the United States offered the "participation" of Venezuela in the war of enslavement being prepared by the imperialists, giving our oil and our iron, ceding our territory for North American military bases, and sending Venezuelan soldiers under the command of the imperialists to the battlefields of Europe and Asia, the recruiting of first contingent of them having been started in the month of April.

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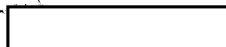
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The Communist Party of Venezuela, vanguard of the working class and the people, on this 1st of May appeals to the workers, to the peasants, and other patriotic citizens to march united in the truceless struggle to inspire the most desirable mottoes of the present hour:

FOR THE TOTAL REESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC LIBERTIES;  
FOR THE HOLDING OF FREE, DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS; FOR THE FREE  
FUNCTIONING OF THE ILLEGALIZED PARTIES; FOR THE FREE UNION  
ORGANIZATION AGAINST THE SURRENDER-DECREE IMPOSED ON THE OIL  
WORKERS AND THEIR PETITIONS MAY BE SATISFIED; FOR LIBERTY FOR  
POLITICAL AND UNION PRISONERS AND THE RETURN OF THOSE EXPELLED;  
AGAINST THE IMPERIALISM WHICH IS CAUSING OUR RUIN; AGAINST  
WAR AND FOR PEACE; NOT A GRAM OF IRON OR A DROP OF OIL OR  
AN INCH OF OUR TERRITORY OR A VENEZUELAN SOLDIER FOR THE  
IMPERIALIST WAR, FOR AGRARIAN REFORM; FOR UNITY OF THE WORKING  
CLASS; FOR A NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC ANTI-IMPERIALIST FRONT THAT  
WILL LEAD VENEZUELA ALONG THE PATH OF PEACE AND LIBERTY; FOR  
NATIONAL LIBERATION!!!!

LONG LIVE THE 1ST OF MAY!!! LONG LIVE THE WORKING CLASS!!!  
DOWN WITH WAR!!! LONG LIVE PEACE!!! LONG LIVE THE COMMUNIST  
PARTY OF VENEZUELA!!!!

The Regional Committee of the Communist Party of Venezuela  
in the State of Anzoategui.



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